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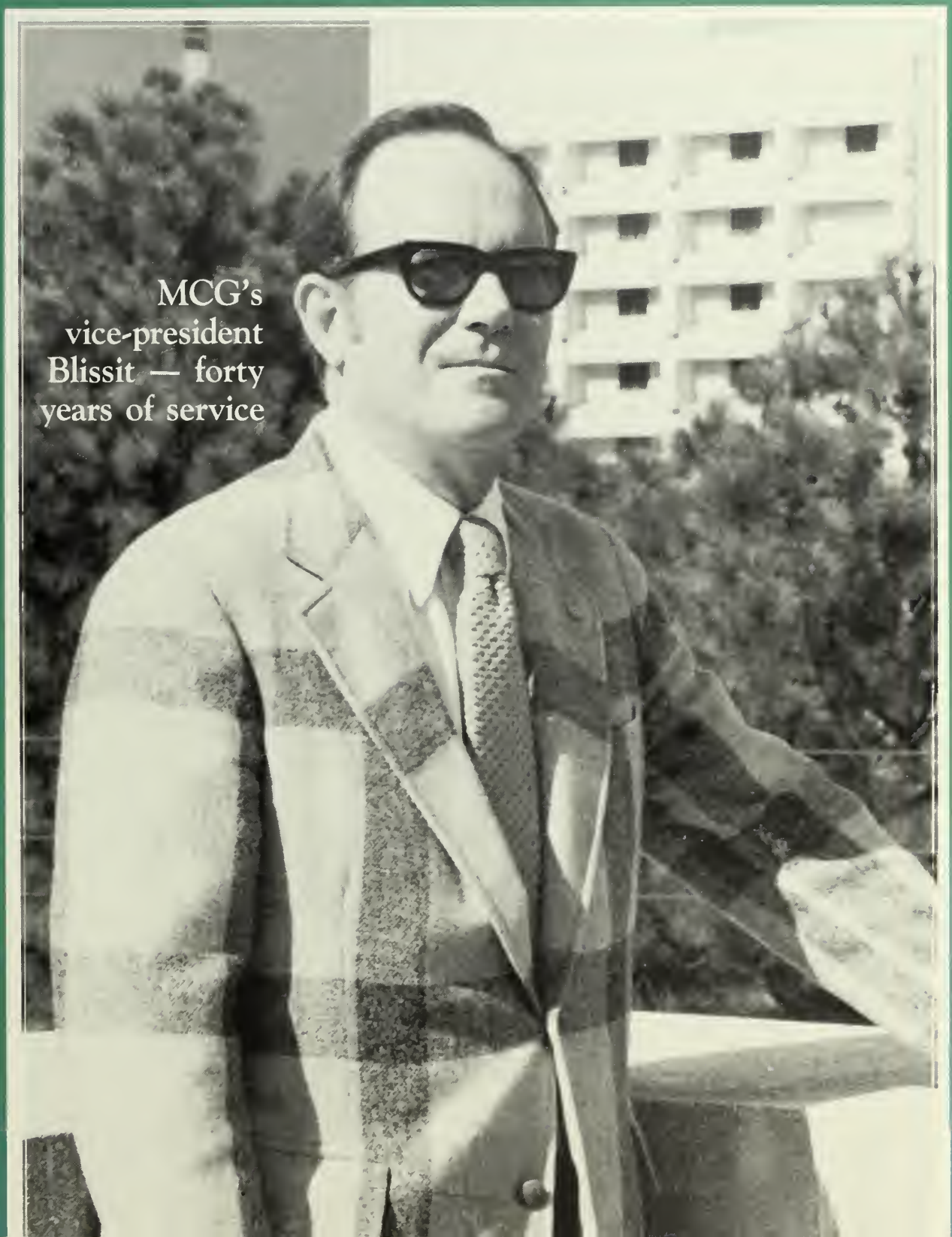

MCG's vice-president Blissit — forty years of service

How enjoyable it is during this festive season to open your mailbox and discover letters and greetings from friends near and far. (What a contrast to the bills that "greet" us during the rest of the year.)

Sifting through my mail reminds me of how many faithful friends this institution has. As you gather with your families and reflect on your blessings, I want to express my appreciation to each one of you for your interest and support of MCG.

Our annual Bench Mark issue honors those of you who in a real way are shaping the future of medical education in Georgia by your support of the institution's goals.

I wish we could write an article on each person listed. Behind every name there is a story of commitment to excellence in education and research.

Now, a word about the man who is on the cover of this magazine. Vice President Jimmie Blissit's discerning mind and financial acumen have brought about a host of lasting improvements at MCG during his years of service to the college.

I am particularly grateful for his invaluable support in the development of the Division of Institutional Relations and the MCG Foundation during my 12 and a half years here.

Jane Chandler captures the humanitarian spirit of Dr. Walter Shepeard well in her story on the life of this dedicated physician.

Former Nursing Dean Louisé Grant gives us an insightful look at some of the historical highlights of the School of Nursing which marked its 25th anniversary this year.

Graeme Keith continues to provide exceptional leadership as chairman of the committee for the MCGRI campaign. With $67,955 pledged thus far we have a solid foundation to build on for the coming year.

The 1981 Tax Act is a mixed blessing for non-profit organizations, but it does provide a unique opportunity for strong year-end giving because taxes will drop in 1982 and 1983. This makes 1981 an ideal year to give a major gift to the MCG Foundation and take advantage of greater tax savings available from the charitable contribution. Call me if you want more information on the Tax Act of 1981. Thanks again for your generous support during this past year.

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SSPE registry located at MCG

The national registry for Subacute Sclerosing Panencephalitis (SSPE), a rare disease of the nerves and brain with no known cure, has been located at MCG.

The registry is sponsored by the Bureau of Biologics for the Federal Drug Administration and compiles data on all reported cases of SSPE in the United States.

Principal investigator for the registry is Dr. Paul Dyken, professor of pediatric neurology at MCG. Working with him are John Henke, computer engineer; Patricia Shmunes, registry coordinator; Dianne Batts, nurse coordinator of pediatric neurology; Andrea Swift, psychometrist, pediatric neurology; Rob DuRant, pediatric epidemiological statistician; and Sheela Gurbini, pediatric neurologist.

The registry was moved to MCG partially because Georgia and the Southeast are areas where reports of SSPE are proportionally higher. Dyken and his colleagues are also currently treating a number of SSPE cases.

Greenblatt lectureship

Dr. Andrew Schally, a Nobel Prize recipient was the 1981 Greenblatt Lecturer. He is section head and professor of experimental medicine at Tulane University School of Medicine and chief of the endocrine and polypeptide laboratories, Veterans Administration Hospital, New Orleans.

Johnson honored by Squibb

Mary Wallace Johnson, director of pharmacy, is one of six people in the nation receiving an appointment to E. R. Squibb and Son's Panel on Hospital Pharmacy. She is the first female elected to this position and will serve a three-year term.

Faculty members serve on editorial boards

Several faculty members at MCG have been appointed to editorial positions on various professional journals.

Dr. Lawrence C. Hartlage, professor of neurology and pediatrics, was reappointed editorial consultant to the *Journal of Rehabilitation* and to the editorial board of *Rehabilitation Psychology*.

Dr. J. Graham Smith, Jr., chairman and professor of dermatology, was appointed to the advisory editorial staff of *Resident and Staff Physician*. Dr. Arlie Mansberger, Jr., professor and chairman of surgery, and Dr. Robert Nesbit, associate professor of surgery, also serve on the advisory editorial board.

Dr. Edward Berg, associate professor of orthopedic surgery and medicine (rheumatology) and chief of orthopedics at the VA Medical Center in Augusta, was appointed associate editor for orthopedic trauma of *Current Concepts in Trauma Care*.

McDonough awarded fellowship

Dr. Paul McDonough has been awarded a Fogerty Senior International Fellowship for a year's study in Paris at the Sorbonne.

Dr. McDonough, chief of reproductive endocrinology and genetics at MCG, is studying genetics and endocrinology at Port Royal Hospital in Paris.

Dr. Richard Reindollar will serve as acting director of the reproductive endocrinology service in McDonough's absence.

Leonard elected GDA officer

Dr. Leon Leonard, associate dean for clinical science at MCG's School of Dentistry, has been named secretary-treasurer of the Georgia Dental Association.

Several dental specialty societies had programs in conjunction with the GDA meeting with MCG dental school faculty members Dr. Robert Kaminski, Dr. Allyn Smith and Dr. Judson Hickey giving lectures.

Prevention Day ▲

Exposing entering students at MCG to preventive aspects of medicine before they begin learning disease treatment was the purpose of Prevention Day, held the week before classes began.

Four nationally known experts discussed with students anxiety, accidents, lifestyles and disease prevention. The students had a special "hearty healthy" lunch, an aerobic evaluation, and a health risk appraisal. Their size, weight and body proportions were measured.

Keynote speaker for the symposium was Dr. Paul Buchanan, director of the biomedical office at the Kennedy Space Center. Buchanan was the crew physician for Apollo 17 and has served as president of the Society of NASA Flight Surgeons.

The other speakers and their topics included: Dr. Curtis Wilbur, scientific coordinator for Johnson and Johnson Live for Life Institution, "Lifestyles and Disease Prevention"; Dr. Edward Christophersen, professor of the department of pediatrics at the University of Kansas Medical Center, "Accidents — They can be prevented"; Dr. Theodore Dembroski, director of the Stress and Cardiovascular Research Center, "Anxiety: The student and the professional."

Prevention Day is supported by the pediatric cardiology section and a Preventive Cardiology Academic Award presented by the National Institutes of Health to Dr. William Strong, Charbonnier professor and chief of the pediatric cardiology section.

In Memory of Henry G. Mealing, Sr., M.D.

An alumnus and faculty member, Dr. Henry G. Mealing, Sr., died October 1, 1981. Dr. Mealing, 83, was a graduate of the class of 1922 and an MCG associate clinical professor emeritus.

Dr. Mealing served for 30 years as assistant professor of medicine at MCG. He and his wife, Lillie Mae, are members of the Presidents Club, a special giving club that acknowledges donors who give more than $50,000.

Being a supporter not only to the Medical College, but also the community where he lived, North Augusta, S.C., Dr. Mealing made many contributions. He was an Army veteran of World War I, a member of the First Baptist Church of North Augusta, a member of the Richmond County Medical Association and the Georgia Medical Society. He was past president of the North Augusta Lion's Club, past commander of the North Augusta American Legion Post and a life member of the Acadia Masonic Lodge in North Augusta.

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Geriatric program receives grant

Dr. William H. Hamilton, associate professor of neurology at MCG and staff neurologist at the VA Medical Center in Augusta, received a $55,506 grant from the National Institute of Aging to establish the concepts of geriatric medicine in the undergraduate and postgraduate medical curriculums.

The purpose of the award is to develop geriatric medical education on campus. Plans include the introduction of material on geriatrics in the undergraduate curriculum, geriatric demonstrations for housestaff teaching, bringing guest geriatricians to campus and obtaining modular geriatric teaching units.

Hospital cost program developed

A program aimed at improving physician awareness of patient costs has been implemented at MCG by Dr. Terrence Kuske, associate dean for curriculum, School of Medicine.

The program, which received funding through December 1982, is made possible by a $100,000 grant from Blue Shield of Georgia/ Columbus.

"The project is being undertaken as a control study," Kuske says. "We are trying to assess the impact of newer educational techniques on the cost of a patient's hospitalization. Preliminary data show an awareness of cost by the hospital housestaff and physicians. There is also data to indicate this program has shortened hospital stays."

Traineeship funds awarded to School of Nursing

The School of Nursing has received unexpected funds for traineeships and capitation.

The National Institutes of Health, Division of Nursing, awarded $154,452 to MCG's Professional Nurse Traineeship Program. These funds provide tuition and a stipend to qualified full-time students in graduate nursing programs.

Earlier this year, the traineeships were withdrawn as part of the Reagan administration's cutbacks. "This intent was one of the expressed federal priorities recommended by the secretary of Health and Human Services," says Dr. Mary Conway, dean of the School of Nursing. "Right now, we're contacting all master's candidates to tell them about the opportunity."

Researchers isolate antigen

MCG researchers Dr. Julie F. Agee and Dr. Fred A. Garver isolated an antibody-stimulating protein from human chronic lymphocytic leukemia. This antigen could be used in the future for the early diagnosis of this form of leukemia and to help deliver chemotherapeutic agents exclusively to leukemia cells.

Results of their research were announced at the 65th annual meeting of the Federation of American Societies for Experiemental Biology in Atlanta.

Talmadge Hospital 25 years of growth

The past 25 years have been years of growth and achievement for Talmadge Memorial Hospital.

Statistics to reflect that growth include:

	1956	Fiscal 80-81
Admissions	2,884	14,713
Patient days	44,720	127,954
Cost per patient/ day	$51	$306
Employees	300	2,559
Housestaff	101	317
Square Footage	455,000	930,000

State appropriations 25 years ago totaled $2,500,000, or 99.57 percent of Talmadge's budget. Patient fees totaled $112,000, or .43 percent. The 1980-81 state appropriation of $21,061,000 accounted for only 40 percent of the budget, with patient fees of $33,241,000 supplying 60 percent.

Admissions over Talmadge's 25 years total 257,798; outpatient visits totaled 1,903,334. A total of 287,658 medical record numbers have been issued.

Radiation Therapy Center opens

The $1.7 million Georgia Radiation Therapy Center in Augusta has opened. Built and operated by MCG, the center will provide radiation therapy services to all area hospitals.

One of the innovations in the structure is the addition of plants and variegated foliage in each treatment room, making the patient's stay more pleasant.

"In accordance with Health Systems Agencies concepts," explains Dr. Gerald Boe, administrative officer of the facility, "we can combine services such as these and thereby lower costs to the patients."

Changes in graduate nursing programs

The graduate program of the School of Nursing at MCG changes from a day to an evening schedule beginning fall quarter.

The faculty and administration of the nursing school made this change due to public demand and a severe cut in federal funds which had provided tuition for many graduate students.

"Results of a poll conducted by the School during 1980-81 showed that 90 percent of registered nurses who say they might enroll in a graduate program preferred a schedule which would allow them to attend classes in the evening," Dean Mary E. Conway says. "The majority of those nurses polled are employed full-time and would be able to maintain employment if they could attend classes in the evening."

In addition, $117,000 in federal traineeships which provided tuition for qualified students in graduate nursing programs has been cut back.

New nursing degree approved

A grant for a new master's degree program in community health nursing at MCG's School of Nursing was approved by the National Advisory Council on Nurse Training. The Council is a division of the Bureau of Health Manpower, Department of Health and Human Services.

Although the grant has been approved, funds for the program have not been appropriated and depend on the availability of resources.•

From accountant to vice president — 40 years of dedicated service

By Nancy Carroll

Editor's Note: James A. Blissit will retire at the end of 1981 after 40 years of service to the University System of Georgia. Blissit has been MCG's vice president and treasurer for the past 13 years. Since the announcement of his retirement earlier this year, leaders and dignitaries from around the state have been sending tributes to this man who has accomplished so much, not only at MCG, but also for the educational system of Georgia.

Sitting in his large but highly organized office, James A. Blissit contemplated his upcoming retirement from MCG. "Justice Potter Stewart put it better than I ever thought about. Someone suggested that he wasn't old enough to retire from the Supreme Court, and he said it was better to retire too early than too late." Stewart's sentiments reflect Blissit's own feelings. Even after 40 years with the University System of Georgia, this man who has contributed so much to the growth and stability of MCG is still only in his 50's.

"I would rather retire when I feel people would prefer that I stay, than to wait until people prefer that I go." And he's right. People do want him to stay, perhaps surprising because he is in the "no" man position on campus. He holds the purse strings of every MCG department. When everyone is knocking on his door, he's the one who has to decide how limited funds will be divided. "It depends on how you say no." Blissit explains, "Most of the time, there is more than one way to do something. If you know what people want to do, you can usually work with them to get it done."

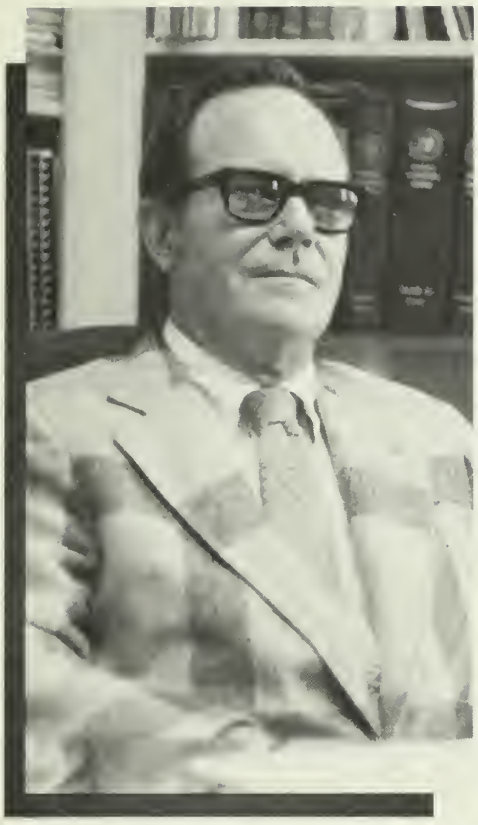
Being "well thought out" is the most prominent characteristic of his work. Being "well thought of" by those who work with him is the result. Dr. Paul Webster, chairman of the department of medicine at the Medical College, says, "He not only 'knows the book', he 'wrote the book'. Mr. Blissit has advocated a strong fiscal policy, efficiency, and growth at the Medical College." Dr. Lois Ellison, MCG provost, says, "As he skillfully guided the Medical College through the years of expansion, his honesty, integrity and fairness have been hallmarks of his administration."

Growth and efficiency are key words in describing Blissit's work at MCG. But in an age of relaxed, free spending, the vice president was fiscally responsible, always thinking ahead. For example, when he came to MCG, Talmadge Hospital's financial system was headed for trouble. "It was not a pleasant task, and even more unpleasant for those who saw their programs reduced temporarily to avoid a deficit operation. Once you reach the point of spending more than you are bringing in, you have to adjust the level of expenses below that to make up for it. That's what we had to do."

Promoting effective management is another area where the vice president has contributed to the development of MCG. Blissit has been impressed with the way supervisors have responded to the "need to be good managers," especially in the past two or three years. Judson Hickey, dean of the School of Dentistry and close friend of the vice president, has appreciated Blissit's 'school of good management.' "Often, I have turned to him for his views and guidance on important events that directly affect the future of our school. I have been helped by his keen ability to analyze the problem we were discussing and his sound, pragmatic strategies for its solution." Training good managers has been an important part of Blissit's job — because he cannot manage the budget alone. "Whoever comes into this position after me will have to maintain an atmosphere of efficiency and good management in the institution."

Because he is well known, not only in Augusta, but also in the state, for his wise stewardship of MCG's money and, before that, of the University System's money, the legislature has developed confidence in his abilities and has learned to trust that the money they allocate will be well used. W. Roscoe Coleman, former regent, legislator and past appropriation committee chairman, says that he has "never known a more knowledgeable, qualified and dedicated employee in state government than James Blissit." Governor George Busbee writes "that he has left an indelible mark on higher education — and indeed the entire government in this state." Jimmie Blissit also has worked with Carl Sanders, a former governor of the state. Sanders says he doesn't know of a man who is "more capable or dedicated than he is or one who has contributed more to the overall progress of higher education than Jimmie Blissit. It has been gratifying for me to see the growth and development of the Medical College of Georgia under Jimmie Blissit's tenure with this fine institution."

It is ironic that an individual who has dutifully worked for 40 years to further higher education in Georgia never completed his baccalaureate degree. He started working for the University System of Georgia two years after he completed high school in McDonough. In 1942, Blissit began as an accountant and, by 1951, he was the



vice chancellor (then called the treasurer) of the Board of Regents. During the 1940's he took the needed courses through Georgia State University in Atlanta and qualified as a CPA. But with a tight schedule and a heavy work load with the regents, he didn't have the time to complete the several hours of electives he needed to receive his degree. Blissit says that he might set out to finish his degree early in his retirement. His early work left a lasting impression on the University System and he still receives calls from the people in the Atlanta office asking for advice.

Shealy McCoy, the present vice chancellor of the University System, says "as the one who followed him as the chief financial officer in the regents central office, I can truly appreciate the many contributions he made in the development of financial systems for the University System of Georgia."

During Blissit's time with the Board of Regents in Atlanta, he developed a self insurance program covering the buildings and equipment of the University System. He put together a program for the temporary investment of idle funds. His programs were so successful that the State of Georgia later developed similar programs for all their departments. He also developed uniform accounting, reporting and budgeting systems for all institutions in the University System.

Dr. Vernon Crawford, the chancellor of the Board of Regents system, says, "Everything that I have learned about him has confirmed my first impression that he has tremendous knowledge of fiscal affairs, that he is a person of absolute integrity, and that he knows how to deal with people. Those are three attributes that one looks for in administrators and finds in the very best."

Business and education are key words in Blissit's vocabulary. "When people mention academic versus non-academic, I don't know what they mean. Everything in an educational institution should be geared to support the teaching, research and service programs that the institution offers. I think everyone has something to contribute, whether that person is in housekeeping or is the president of the institution. So, I hate to see us separate people like that." Blissit has been in the business of educating the MCG staff on the principles of good management and efficiency, important lessons in this time of tightening funds.

Blissit says he has thoroughly enjoyed his work and though he will be leaving for greener pastures (or golf courses) he says that he won't be able to completely separate himself from something that has been his life for so long. Erie, his wife, is an important part of his life and an important part of MCG, serving for many years as the administrative assistant to the president. She says that though Blissit hates to leave, she doesn't know of anyone "looking forward to retirement more than Jimmie." Though his retirement plans are not definite, Erie will probably be keeping him company on the golf courses and fishing holes.

Blissit's steady hand in his work behind the scenes is illustrated by a comment from Roy V. Harris, past speaker of the house and a member of the Board of Regents, who says, "In a quiet, dignified and unobtrusive manner, he has rendered a great service to the Medical College. I sincerely believe that no man, including the governors and other dignitaries, has given a more faithful service to the people of Georgia." Blissit is also as tenacious as the famous Georgia bulldog. George Marshall, chairman of the board of Teachers' Retirement System (an organization Blissit has worked closely with for 16 years) says he has always "appreciated Jimmie's forthrightness and candor. Jimmie can be depended on to express an informed opinion. And having expressed it, he feels obliged to exercise responsible persistance in seeing the issue fully resolved."

Well known as a stickler for details, Blissit recalls an amusing comment from one of the MCG deans in reference to his retirement. He said that Blissit was one person on campus that he could present a problem to and when he analyzed it and added it up, two and two usually came out to be four. "I'm not sure if that's a compliment or not," Blissit laughs. Blissit is considered a number man's number man. Glancing down a long list of numbers, he can add the numbers up almost by the time his eye reaches the bottom of the list. He also has the ability to remember small details, when he wants to. "You remember what you want to remember. I've been known to have to look up my own telephone number. I guess if you can look it up, you don't have to rely on your memory."

Blissit regrets leaving Dr. Moretz, MCG's president. "Each boss that I've ever had, and I haven't had many, I thought had to be the finest person in the world to work with. And Dr. Moretz, since he's going to be my last, I *know* that he is the finest person in the world to work with." Dr. Moretz expresses similar feelings of regret about Blissit's retirement. "He was invariably most helpful, and he never became impatient or failed to help with the problems at hand. We will miss him but will rest easier knowing, that if called upon, he will gladly help us in any way that he can."•

Looking back to the beginning

The School of Nursing

by E. Louise Grant, Dean Emerita

Editors Note:
E. Louise Grant was dean of the School of Nursing for over 20 years. After retiring in 1971 she worked for the American Nursing Association on a project to provide staff nurses with continuing education materials and directed a national project on gerontological nursing.

Time passes like a whirlwind. Days come and go and so do the years. It is difficult to realize 25 years have passed since the School of Nursing was opened at the Medical College of Georgia.

I have a nostalgic feeling when realizing that many people I have known or worked with have left and perhaps may never pass my way again. I have a feeling of contentment as I reflect on accomplishments of a school whose students, and faculty, have weathered the tumultuous years during the school's beginning.

In January, 1956, the department of nursing was transferred from the Atlanta Division, and the University of Georgia in Athens to the Medical College of Georgia in Augusta by action of the Board of Regents. The school at the Atlanta Division opened in 1943 and had the distinction (under the leadership of Phobe Kandel Rhorer) of being the first collegiate school of nursing in the University System. Mrs. Rohrer served as chairwoman from 1943-1949; Mary Frances Ward was acting chairwoman from 1949-1951. I was appointed department head in 1951 and including my years at the Medical College, was in charge of the school for 21½ years. Plans for an autonomous school at the University of Georgia never developed and when the school was transferred to MCG, I was appointed dean.

Three additional faculty members from the University of Georgia were also transferred: Miss Esther Moyer, Mrs. Leilee Ault and Mrs. Katherine McDermott. Miss Alda Ditchfield remained in charge of the Medical College Center at the Atlanta Division.

As one looks from whence we came, it is difficult to recall the exact details of those early years.

The faculty had concerns regarding the new setting, not as a clinical base, but as an administrative facility. The faculty debated seriously whether they could successfully adjust to the new situation and resolve the many problems facing the new school. After much consideration and, no doubt a few prayers, they decided to make the move.

President Edgar Pund shared these concerns and felt the move was questionable. So strongly did he feel this that he and I visited Chancellor Harmon Caldwell in Atlanta to discuss the wisdom of transferring the program to Augusta. It must be stressed that only administrative transfer of the school to the college was ever under question. The use of the clinical facilities under the aegis of the University of Georgia had been the plan for a number of years. Despite the chancellor's understanding and sympathy for our problem the decision was upheld.

I was eager to move ahead and see the school get on its way. Tribute should be paid to Dr. Pund for his patience with me. The president listened and did whatever he could to help us. He had limited experience in understanding what it took to organize and direct a school of nursing, but he was willing to learn. I will always be grateful for his tolerance and his forbearance. His successor, Dr. Harry O'Rear, as well had his problems with me, but he developed a keen interest in nursing and helped the school in many ways. No doubt both of these gentlemen were often troubled by the requests that came their way.

The addition of a new school at an institution which had been devoted solely to the training of physicians for 128 years brought about many adjustments for all.

The emerging profession of nursing lacked the prestige needed in forging its way in a medical college. The Medical College was unaccustomed to working with and assuming the responsibilities for a new baccalaureate program. Growth was slow and difficult. As an example, at one point we had no one to evaluate the college records of transfer students. The president assigned this responsibility to the dean of the School of Nursing. I felt with all the other tasks facing me, recruiting students and faculty, preparing a faculty handbook (the faculty did not have one at that time), preparing our separate bulletin, and securing accreditation (which seemed beyond our reach) that I could not assume this responsibility. The president gave me permission to find someone to do the job. Lee Wallace of Augusta College was paid $1 a record to do our evaluatons. He did this for two or three years until a full-time registrar was employed.

Our administrative facility, the building now occupied by the school, was only partially assigned to us. Other departments occupied portions of the building and our permanence there was tentative. I arrived with the school records (brought by truck) from Athens and Atlanta. I didn't have a secretary but had been assured one could be found without delay. About 10 days elapsed before Miss Olive Johnson was employed. Students were transferring to Augusta in March so time was of the essence!

In January 1956 the Department of Nursing was transferred from the University of Georgia to MCG.

Students took guests through the new facilities during an open house.

I also had responsibility for assigning rooms in the nursing dormitory and assisting in directing the nursing service at Talmadge Hospital. The hospital administrator, Dr. Rufus Payne felt a strong relationship between the school and the nursing service should be established. Miss Moyer, who was in charge of nursing service and Mrs. Leilee Ault strengthened the bond between the two.

In an effort to provide a broader perspective of these early years at MCG, I spoke with Miss Moyer and Mrs. Ault and recorded their impressions. (I was not able to get in touch with Mrs. McDermott.)

Miss Moyer expressed her misgiving regarding her new position at the college. She said, in spite of her concerns about moving to an all medical campus, she was delighted with the new hospital and the clinical facilities and was excited by the challenge of planning a clinical program for students. She helped establish standards of care and procedure which stablized the program for nursing service and the school. She was concerned about recruiting nursing staff and experienced supervisory personnel in a rather remote center. She wondered if competition with established hospitals would present a problem. She too was concerned about the development of a program in a medical college environment. As time passed these concerns posed less of a problem than expected, although recruitment of nurses is still a continuing problem for most hospitals.

Since Miss Ditchfield was located on the "old house ground" at the Atlanta Division, she was not influenced as much by the change as the others. Like other faculty she was concerned about moving away from a general education environment to a medical center. Frequent travel from Atlanta to Augusta consumed a great deal of her time.

Mrs. Ault recalls teaching the first clinical course and directing the teaching practicum for the University of Georgia nursing students at MCG during the summer of 1955. She served as chairwoman of a joint nursing service and school committee from 1955-1963. The committee established nursing care standards, policies and procedures, and a nursing referral system for Talmadge Hospital. She made notable contributions in the new hospital staff and teaching our first students. She developed and unified the nursing philosophy for the staff and the students at Talmadge.

Our first clinical department heads, recruited after an extended search were: Mrs. Leilee P. Ault, medical surgical nursing; Miss Edith Chenney, psychiatric nursing; Miss Martha Oliver, pediatric nursing; Miss Nyliene Sheppard, obstetrical nursing; and Mrs. Katherine McDermott, community nursing.

Mrs. Ault and I diligently recruited students. Miss Panonia Cecil, one of our University of Georgia graduates,

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and now director of nursing service, Georgia War Veterans Nursing Home, worked full-time orienting personnel at other colleges and schools throughout the state system to our plans.

Many people assisted in teaching clinical nursing in addition to the individuals I have mentioned and the school is indebted to them for their contributions.

The Alumni Association of the School of Nursing had its early beginnings at the University of Georgia. An endowment fund was later established at the Medical College, but progress was slow since the school was young.

In 1969 an honor society, the forerunner of our nurses sorority, Sigma Theta Tau, was organized.

Another important event in the history of the school was the addition of a master's degree program in 1968. Dr. Eugenia Lee was in charge of this program.

When the faculty came to Augusta I was charged with opening a three-year program and a four year program. I recommended the four year program be staffed first. This was done, and in time the concept of the three year program faded away. Our greatest opposition to leaving the University of Georgia was rooted in fear that accreditation at MCG seemed an impossibility, and so it was for sometime. However, the University System condoned the move even though the Board of Regents said all programs offered in the System must be accredited. We were puzzled because we knew we could not qualify for a visit at MCG. Perhaps the Board believed that this arrangement was satisfactory or the problem would go away. Whatever their reasoning, recruitment of both faculty and students for a school with little hope of accreditation was a serious problem. The accrediting agency, the National League for Nursing, appraised baccalaureate and higher degree programs in nursing and required that the degree granting institution be accredited by the appropriate regional accrediting agency, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. At that time, some medical colleges did not seek such accreditation and such a visit usually required many changes before the accrediting officials reviewed a program.

The director of the department of baccalaureate and higher degree programs was adamant about this particular policy and she was unwilling to discuss other alternatives. Unexpectedly, a new director, Dr. Rena Boyle, was appointed in the early 60's. She came to Georgia to attend our state convention and I talked with her about the problem. Dr. Boyle felt their policy was unfair. She believed the competency of the students was the most important consideration in determining a school's worth. She promised me she would visit our school in the fall and confer with a consultant to the regional accrediting organization. The consultant's decision concurred with Dr. Boyle's and we felt we were on our way. President O'Rear promised if we could get the school accredited he would request a visit by the regional accrediting agency. This was very important for graduates of baccalaureate programs at the college as well as women medical school graduates who had completed only three years of a baccalaureate program; otherwise, they could not qualify for membership in the American Association of University Women. I vigorously pursued accreditation and with the support of the other deans and President O'Rear it was finally achieved.

Dr. Boyle visited our school as promised and the school received an excellent report.

At a meeting of the baccalaureate and higher degree programs in Pheonix, Arizona in 1962 I heard the unanimous vote to change the policy requiring all programs of a school granting degrees to nursing students to be approved by their appropriate accrediting agency rather than the regional accrediting agency. The Nursing League visited our campus. We received a favorable report and were accredited for eight years.

Up to the time we were accredited we had had no failures on state board examinations; in fact, during my term as dean only two students in 21½ years failed — both were good students and failed only because one was a poor test-taker and did not prepare properly and the other student had a serious illness in her family the night before the examination. Our achievement on state board examinations was commendable and gave us a distinct advantage in receiving accreditation.

Not only has the School of Nursing grown, but the college has grown tremendously these past 25 years. As an example, the landscaping of the campus has greatly improved the overall appearance and better funding has allowed MCG to increase it facilities.

But what of the next 25 years of the school? The faculty and graduates have a great responsibility. They must strive to emulate the highest ideals of their profession. They must be of the highest character not only professionally, but personally. Many of the obstacles blocking the paths to progress during the school's early days have been surmounted and a challenging future awaits our current graduates.•

"Have courage and search for the truth in everything"

by Jane Downing Chandler

Dr. Walter Shepeard's office was always a mess. He kept everything. Books and papers were piled up on every possible surface. He was a pack rat, and his desk was loaded with all sorts of parts and equipment. He was frequently called on to repair things in the hospital. One day he sent a technologist to his desk to get a repair part; and while looking for it, she found a funny-shaped object wrapped in gauze in the lower right-hand drawer. It was his cadaver foot from medical school days that he couldn't bear to part with. "They had spent so much time together," he said.

He used to agonize over what he thought was a slight speech impediment. He worried that the students might not be able to understand him and that he might not be an effective teacher. But the students respected and loved him. To pep up the Saturday morning classes for the sophomores (medical students were required to go to class on Saturday until about 1970), he always inserted a nude picture of Marilyn Monroe in the middle of his slides.

He was a born teacher. His mind was so loaded with information that, at times, the facts seemed to come tumbling out like a waterfall. Dr. Curtis Carter, former dean of the School of Medicine, said it was best never to ask him a question unless you were prepared for a complete answer. He let you into the whole world of his given subject — its periphery as well as its heart. He was not content until he knew and you knew as much as possible about all aspects of every conceivable subject. Once Mrs. Shepeard commented on the beauty of a sycamore tree when they were driving back to Augusta from a visit to some property they owned in the country. That was all it took. Dr. Shepeard talked nonstop from Wrens to Augusta on sycamore trees. He told everything there was to tell about them — even about a ship whose paneling and furniture were made of sycamore wood.

Walter Lee Shepeard was born Jan. 28, 1906, in Neck City, Jasper County, Mo. The Shepeards had lived on a farm in this section of Missouri since 1849. His father farmed and worked in zinc and lead mines nearby. Shepeard dropped out of school after the sixth grade and worked the next six years.

He was admitted to high school on a trial basis in 1925 as a 10th gradèr. He supported himself with part-time jobs and a full-time job in an all-night garage, working from 6 pm-7 am.

Walter entered Kansas State Teachers' College in Pittsburgh in the fall of 1928. He worked his way through college delivering bundles of newspapers for distribution, delivering mail bags to mining camps and putting mail bags on trains. He majored in biology and chemistry although he was not considering a medical degree.

At the age of 25, in the middle of the depression, he arrived in Little Rock, Ark., to attend the University of Arkansas School of Medicine on a fellowship in physiology. He worked throughout medical school. The need for money was as much a part of his life as his enthusiasm for knowledge and people.

Walter met Enid Hopson, a secretary in Little Rock, in his sophomore year. They were married two years later, three days after his graduation in 1935. At that time the average physician's income was $3,000 a year.

After an internship at the U.S. Marine Hospital in Norfolk, Va., he took a position as Army physician in CCC camps in western and southern Kansas. After only a few months in the CCC, Dr. Shepeard received a six-month scholarship in public health from the Georgia Department of Public Health.

The Shepeards moved to McRae, Ga., in 1937, where he served as the health commissioner for Telfair and Wheeler counties.

Dr. Shepeard decided to finish his training in pathology and accepted an offer to work under Dr. John Clemmer at the Bender Hygienic Laobratory in Albany, N.Y. He completed his training in pathology there and served as assistant director of the Laboraory the last year.

Near the completion of his training in pathology, the Surgeon General of the United States Public Health Service asked Dr. Shepeard to consider returning to that service as a pathologist. He accepted and was sent to the U.S. Marine Hospital in Galveston, Texas, in July, 1941. With makeshift equipment he began making blood plasma for the treatment of burns of some English sailors in the hospital. The U.S. Public Health Service was the medical corps for the Coast Guard. During World War II it was made a part of the armed forces. Shepeard had the rank of Lt. Commander. Mrs. Shepeard was with him and used her secretarial skills in volunteering for the Coast Guard so men could be freed for duty outside the office.

After the war Dr. Shepeard stayed in Texas for two years. He went into private practice with Dr. Herschel Whigham in McAllen, near Brownsville. While there his interest in studying blood continued.

Dr. Shepeard's association with Augusta began in 1948 when he was asked to join the MCG faculty and direct the clinical laboratories at University Hospital. Dr. Robert Rinker, professor of urology, and Dr. Virgil Sydenstricker, professor of medicine, were on the search committee. Dr. Rinker recalled, "His coming ushered in a new era in the college and medical community on two counts . . . he was the first professor to be hired for a long

time, and it would be necessary to start charging fees in order to pay for him." Dr. Lombard Kelly, president of the Medical College, said, "He ran the medical school on a shoestring budget during the depression, and he had a shoestring formula for starting a department . . . you get $300 per month to run your department for salaries, expenses and everything — no questions asked . . . there was no committee to pass on whether you could buy equipment. If you wanted it bad enough to pay for it — well, the committee has met, and you bought it. So you see, going out and competing in the market to hire a professor was quite a venture."

They bought a home in the country, where Mrs. Shepeard still lives. His love for the outdoors lessened when Enid asked him to help in the yard. He refused, saying he went into medicine to get away from farming.

The pathologist said of his decision to go into medical education instead of private practice: "It could be said to be most illogical from an economic viewpoint, but I cannot miss something I never had. It was no doubt to emulate those I considered great teachers that I turned to medical education. It has been my ambition to be an influential teacher to so influence my students that they would reach a greater and broader degree of development than I had at a comparable stage of their growth."

Dr. Shepeard came to Augusta as associate professor of pathology. The next year he was made a professor of medicine in charge of clinical pathology and director of medical technology. He later became professor of pathology when the clinical laboratories were made part of the Department of Pathology in the new Talmadge Hospital in 1956.

Dr. Shepeard wrote a vivid account of the old University Hospital as it was when he first came to work there in 1948. He described such things as the telephone operator who, when the lines got too confused, simply unplugged them all and started over again, and Spooky, who ran domiciliary medicine and lived in a room provided for her by Dr. Will Jennings, under one of the Barrett wing stairwells.

Dr. Shepeard began the Department of Medical Technology in 1955 in the clinical laboratory of old University Hospital.

Blood banking was always Dr. Shepeard's first interest. He started the Georgia Association of Blood Banks in 1957, and he was instrumental in starting the Southeastern Branch of the American Association of Blood Banking. He established the Georgia Association of Blood Banks as a means of helping Talmadge patients obtain blood. In the early days hospitals couldn't buy blood. There was no place to buy it. Later on, when the Red Cross came into existence, there was no money or budget to buy blood. As a result, donors had to come in every day to give blood. Each patient, on admittance, was required to have two donors give blood on his behalf. Private patients were not required to do this. Dr. Shepeard thought this wasn't fair. He thought poor people shouldn't have to furnish two blood donors while private patients, able to pay, were exempt. To help this situation, Dr. Shepeard began monthly blood collections. If necessary, he loaded up equipment in his station wagon and went to south Georgia, where many of the patients came from, to get donations. This was the start of one of the first mobile blood units. Dr. Shepeard also sent empty bottles to doctors in the state who had referred patients to Talmadge Hospital or who had trained there. Doctors throughout the state would receive the needed blood from the patients' families and send it to Dr. Shepeard in Augusta.

Because blood was constantly in short supply, the surgeons visited the blood bank every day, vying with each other for the blood they would need for their patients' operations. Every day Dr. Shepeard's office would be filled with surgeons pleading their cases. If four operations were scheduled and only enough blood was available for two, each surgeon would have to prove he needed it most.

Joyce Larison, now supervisor of the blood bank at Talmadge Hospital, said, "Dr. Shepeard always quizzed the surgeons about the patients, the diagnosis, the seriousness of one case as opposed to another case. He tried to be fair and to be sure the patient most in need received the blood." Dr. Shepeard's number one concern in medicine was always the patient, she said. "One time when a dozen tubes of blood from one patient were sent down, he went up to the floor, found the resident who did it, and made him come down to the lab and calculate the loss of blood to the patient."

Dr. Shepeard was the only blood bank director in the history of the medical school to be on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week. "He insisted on being called at night whenever there was an emergency — a patient bleeding and needing more blood, or an operation in the middle of the night. He would pull his pants on over his pajamas and arrive with hamburgers for the blood bank technologists at 2 am. He loved to be involved in emergencies. This is one reason he was so loved by the technologists. He would take the blood to the floors himself in the middle of the night with never a thought of his own importance. He truly devoted his life to medicine and the hospital," said Miss Larison.

Dr. Shepeard loved to say "hell" and "damn." He was not offensive about it, but he used these words fre-

Dr. Shepeard and Dr. Phillip Dow served as marshals during many MCG graduations.

quently and naturally. It bothered Bessie Lee Gardner, a devout Baptist and supervisor of the blood bank, that he said "hell." Dr. Shepeard told her, "When I'm down in hell shoveling coal, I'm gonna be saying, 'Damn Bessie Lee, you told me I'd be doing this!' "

Dr. Shepeard was fond of recounting the early history of transfusion services in Augusta, citing the little-known fact that one of the first American community-wide programs was developed in Augusta in the '30's.

He was a nationally recognized blood banking expert. In 1968 Dr. Shepeard was one of the founders of the CSRA Blood Assurance Plan, which was the forerunner of the present community blood center. It had been his dream for many years to have such a plan in the community. Dr. Walter Rice related, "When I returned to Augusta in 1973, one of my first callers was Walter Shepeard. We talked about his ideas for a community-based blood center. He knew the need and saw the possibilities where others did not. Fear of failure was never a factor in his thinking. The idea was right and should succeed; therefore, it would succeed. He continued to support the plans and efforts as long as he was able."

Dr. Shepeard started the present Department of Medical Technology in 1955 in the clincial laboratory on the second floor of the old University Hospital. He always backed the people working for him 100 percent.

In his support of the people who worked with him, Ann Anderson, chairwoman of the Department of Medical Technology, says, "Dr. Shepeard let them make their own mistakes so they could learn from them. When people were wrong, he told them in private, never in public. He never made them feel stupid. He encouraged everyone, found qualities in people they didn't know they had, and they achieved things they never thought they could. When Dr. Shepeard said, 'Why not?', it was done."

He was well-versed in all fields and had a huge collection of books. Dr. Lombard Kelly asked Dr. Shepeard to teach a class on the history of medicine when he first came to Augusta, which he did for about 20 years until the curriculum was changed.

After his retirement from MCG in 1971, Dr. Shepeard was asked to come back to the pathology department as a consultant for the housestaff and students. He was given an office and was always surrounded by people seeking advice and information. He continued to influence students and faculty until his death.

Big in spirit as well as in stature, Dr. Shepeard helped people in other ways. He gave money to students who were in need and helped many students secure loans so they could stay in school. He talked students who had dropped out into going back to school.

When Dr. Harry O'Rear was president of MCG, he asked Dr. Shepeard to be chairman of a committee to study the school colors. "Some three years passed before he reported back on the subject; and when he did, he had done the work with such painstaking attention to detail, the committee's recommendations were accepted without reservation. So now we have the colors blue, silver and red. Later I heard he was concerned about the colors lest the silver cause people to associate money with doctors," said O'Rear.

When Dr. Shepeard retired, he was honored at an elegant dinner. Colleagues came from around the country, and tributes were read by friends and members of the faculty at the Medical College. The faculty of the Department of Medical Technology honored him by establishing the Walter L. Shepeard Achievement Award.

Dr. Shepeard died at home in the spring of 1978 at the age of 72 after a long illness. He left the hospital to spend his last days at home, believing the quality of life was more important than the quantity of life. To the end he retained his scientific interest in everything. His physican said he was amazed by Dr. Shepeard's detached and academic view of his disease. A favorite quote of his perhaps sums up the way he lived his life.

"Have courage and search for the truth in everything, with a rectitude of mind that does not deceive yourself or deceive others; and may you have the wisdom to struggle for your convictions, with prejudices being at least humanitarian and tolerant."•

CLASS NOTES

SCHOOL OF ALLIED HEALTH SCIENCES

Department of Medical Records Administration

Pat Gray, '75, is the assistant director of the medical record department at Aultman Hospital in Akron, Ohio.

Donna White Kearney, '76, is the associate director of the medical record department at Norfolk General Hospital in Norfolk, Va. She and her husband live in Newport News, Va. They plan to go to Monterey, Calif., next summer. Her husband is a naval officer who "serves in the PRECOM unit of the USS Carl Vinson (CVN-70)."

Susan Hatcher, '77, recently married **David Helton**, a 1981 graduate of the School of Medicine.

Kaye Taylor, '78, is the utilization review coordinator in the medical record department at Talmadge Hospital.

Debbie Belding, '79, recently married Richard Madison and they are living in Atlanta. Debbie is the director of the medical record department at Doctors Memorial Hospital and Richard works with Lanier Business Products in Atlanta.

Lisa Gordon, '79, works in the medical record department at Talmadge Hospital.

Nell Johnston Osterman, '79, has moved to Isla Verde, Puerto Rico.

Jennifer Bosway, '80, serves as the assistant chief of medical record services at the VA Medical Center in Oklahoma City, Okla.

Jane Mooneyham Tucker, '80, works in the medical record department at the VA Medical Center in Augusta.

Jean Webb, '80, is the medical record evaluator at the Southeast Georgia Emergency Medical Services Project in Brunswick.

Department of Medical Technology

Phyllis Johnson, '77, entered Texas A & M this fall. She is working on a masters in industrial hygiene.

Kathryn Kilpatrick, '77, is a senior medical student at MCG and she plans to specialize in pediatric medicine.

Teresa Bright, '79, married the brother of **Faye Barrett**, '80.

Joy Hamilton, '79, married **Jimmy Peterson**, '79.

Nancy Higbie, '79, works at the bacteriology laboratory at Piedmont Hospital in Atlanta.

Cindy Martin McCrea, '79, and her husband, Jaye, have a daughter, Heather Ann. The McCreas, now living in Jackson, N.C., plan to move back to Atlanta.

Jane Moye, '79, and her husband, Tony, had a baby girl, April, this summer.

Gail Walker Bierman, '80, and her husband, Gene, live in Naples, Italy, where she works at the Naval Regional Medical Center.

Mary Hurlebaus, '80, married Jeff Chelette. She works at Emory Hospital in Atlanta.

Department of Radiologic Technologies

Michael J. Grieco, '73, received a masters in physics from the University of Scranton. He works at Three-Mile Island Nuclear Power Plant in Middletown, Pa. as the nuclear technical trainer for radiologic controls. He and his wife, Claudia, have three children: Frederick, 9, Timothy, 6, and Monica, 4.

Department of Respiratory Therapy

Debbie Fincher, '78, has been appointed technical director of respiratory therapy at St. Joseph's Hospital in Savannah.

Reggie Hill, '78, **Tom Spivey**, '79, and Shellie Mishoe won the Georgia Society for Respiratory Therapy College Bowl Contest.

SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES

R. Michael Belknap, MSMI, '75, is chief of the department of medical illustration, 10th Medical Laboratory, APO New York (which indicates that he is overseas).

Jill Duncan,, MSMI, '77, also works for the 10th Medical Laboratory's department of medical illustration overseas.

Alex E. Felice, '80, M.D., PhD, is an assistant professor in cell and molecular biology at MCG. Last year he was a staff physician at the VA Medical Center in Augusta.

SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY

Vernon W. Green, '74, and his wife, Sheryl, expect their first child in February. He has been practicing in Stockbridge for four years.

Larry Townsend, '75, has been promoted to major in the US Army Dental Corps. He also received the Army Commendation Medal in 1980. He is finishing his senior year of a fixed prosthodontic residency at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C.

John Dickey, '81, joins **John Clements**, '78, in a general practice in Sandersville. Dickey and his wife, Jean, have a nine-month-old daughter, Erin.

John L. Pournelle, '81, opened a dental practice in Soperton in July. He and his wife, Denise, live in Soperton with their infant daughter, Margaret Louise.

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

Julian K. Quattlebaum, '21, of Savannah has received the Hardman Cup for "outstanding achievement in medicine, surgery and public health" given by the Medical Association of Georgia at Callaway Gardens. Although he retired in 1979, Quattlebaum continues to serve as a surgery consultant at the public health clinic in Savannah. "All in all, it's been a wonderful career. It's been filled with remarkable successes, largely attributable to God, and many heartbreaks and sorrows," Quattlebaum says.

Samuel Rosen, '29, of Savannah was honored in May for his 49 years of service to the US. Public Health Service as a consulting dermatologist. Rosen retired in 1972 but con-

tinues to work with the public health service and he is on staff at Memorial Medical Center in Savannah.

Jay Goldstein, '44, has retired and he and his wife live in Scottsdale, Ariz.

J. Willis Hurst, '44, has published a fifth edition to his book, *The Heart*. Chosen by the American College of Physicians as the cardiology book that should be in every internist's office, *The Heart* has been translated into five languages.

John E. Allen, '53, is working in the disability section of the Georgia Department of Human Resources in Atlanta.

Isaac Goodrich, '64, has been elected president of the medical staff of St. Raphael Hospital in New Haven, Conn.

William G. Cutts, '65, has been re-elected president of the Cherokee-Pickens County Medical Society. He was president of this society in 1975, also.

Samuel A. Vickery, '66, a family practitioner from Commerce, and his daughter, **Gwendolyn Sue Vickery Morgan**, '81, went to Kingston, Jamaica, to provide medical services to this poverty-stricken area in Feburary. Vickery is interested in finding out about others who are involved with this type of ministry. Gwen Vickery Morgan has begun her internship in psychiatry at MCG.

Garnett J. Geisler, Jr., '68, of LaGrange is the medical director for the department of pulmonary medicine at the West Georgia Medical Center. He serves on the board of trustees for both this medical center and for the Georgia Lung Association.

Barrett F. Rosen, '68, serves as chief of surgery at the Park View Hospital in Nashville, Tenn., and president of the Nashville Orthopedic Society.

Randy Smith, '70, was recently inducted as a fellow in the American College of Surgeons. He is a diplomate of the American Board of Plastic Surgery and the American Board of Otolaryngology.

Phillip Bates Bailey, '72, has set up a cardiology practice in Dalton. He and his wife, Dell, have two daughters.

Henry Troutman Harbin, '72, has been appointed assistant director of the mental hygiene administration for the central Maryland region. Harbin will be responsible for the management of the residential and community psychiatric facilities within that region. He is also an associate professor of psychiatry at the University of Maryland School of Medicine in Baltimore.

Fred Knickerbocker, '72, has been elected as a fellow in the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgery and in the American College of Surgeons.

Jan Fitzgerald Alford, '73, completed her pediatric training at New York University Medical Center. She is a fellow in the American Academy of Pediatricians. She and her husband, Buzz, are expecting their second child. She is in a group practice in Atlanta.

James I. Suit, '73, has joined another MCG graduate, **Homer Nelson**, '58, in an ophthalmology practice in Macon.

F. A. (Gus) Dozier, '75, is presently practicing general surgery in Marietta and Lithia Springs. He was recently certified by the American Board of Surgery. Dozier and his wife, Susan, had their fourth child, Michael David, in June.

John Scott Cutter Mills, '75, serves as the director of admissions and the chief of outpatient services at Butler Hospital in Providence, R.I. He is an instructor at Brown University in psychiatry and human behavior. He has been living in Providence for four years.

William S. Van Cise, '75, completed his residency at the M.D. Anderson Hospital in Sarasota and is board certified in therapeutic radiology. He practices radiation oncology in Sarasota County. He and his wife have a three-year-old boy and they are expecting another child in December.

Katie E. Cook, '76, recently married Happy Earl Smith, M.D., from Reynolds. The couple plans to stay in the central Georgia area where Smith will be in a residency program in Macon. Cook, who will retain her maiden name, will continue to practice in Warner Robins.

Julian "Hutch" Hutchins, '76, has set up a private general practice in Thomson. He and his wife, Lane, have two children, Julie Anna and Julian.

F. Stephen Moore, '76, has opened a private practice in Dahlonega, specializing in internal medicine and gastroenterology. Moore is a diplomate of the American Board of Internal Medicine. He and his wife, Katherine, have a daughter, April Elizabeth.

Henry H. Dohn, '77, recently completed a psychiatry residency at the University of Alabama in Birmingham. He is on active duty in the Air Force at Eglin Air Force Base in Florida. He and his wife, Paula, have a one-year-old daughter, Robyn Elizabeth.

James Wayne Hill, '77, opened an ob-gyn practice in Gainesville in July. He and his wife, Ruth, a 1977 graduate of the School of Nursing, have two children, Garrick and Lana.

Eugene Roy Long, '77, has accepted a position with the Clark Holder Clinic in LaGrange. He will specialize in internal medicine. He and his wife, Rebecca, live in LaGrange. He is a member of the American College of Physicians.

James Hinton McMillan, '77, has recently returned to a private family practice in Asheville, N.C. After completing his residency in Asheville, he spent a year with the public health service at Warm Springs Indian Reservation in Oregon.

Jonathon Edward Reimer, '78, is this year's recipient of the Rich Schuman Award. Reimer, who recently completed his family practice residency, was chosen for "his overall excellence as a family practioner and scholar." This award is given in memory of Rich Schuman, a 1976 family practice graduate, who practiced in Elberton before his death from leukemia.

David and Janet Huber, '78, have begun a joint practice in Lithonia. They will specialize in internal medicine.

Don B. Destephano, '81, and his wife, Patty, live in Ann Arbor Mich. This spring, he received the Walter L. Shepeard Pathology Achievement Award and was elected to membership in Alpha Omega Alpha.

James Edward Jennings, Jr., '81, has begun his orthopedic residency in Greenville, S.C.

Donald F. Kennedy, '81, is doing his internship at Memorial Medical Center in Savannah.

Michael Alan Manley, '81, is doing his residency at the University of West Virginia in Charleston. He is specializing in child psychiatry. Manley is married to Mary Joyce McGinnis, M.D., who practices in Montgomery, W.Va.

SCHOOL OF NURSING

Mary F. Haas, '65, teaches Lamaze childbirth classes. She is ASPO certified as a national childbirth educator.

Phyllis Siefferman, '68, retired as a nursing supervisor with the DeKalb County Departtional childbirth educator.

Mary C. "Betty" Goddard, '69, received her masters from MCG in 1976. She has been a nursing program specialist for the department of human resources in Atlanta since 1969.

Lynn McKneely Garrard, '70, and her husband live in LaGrange. They have a five-year-old daughter and a one-and-a-half-year-old son.

Cathy Stitt, '70, is the executive director for the Visiting Nurses Association in Memphis, Tenn.

Karen S. Erwin, '74, serves as the division director for the emergency room at a 55-bed hospital in Elberton. She is a certified emergency room nurse, EMT and CPR instructor. She teaches both EMT and CPR part-time. She is married to an MCG graduate, **Stuart W. Erwin**, DMD, '75, who has a private practice in Dublin.

Lynda August Nanright, PhD, '75, is an associate professor at the Nell H. Woodruff School of Nursing at Emory University in Atlanta.

Gloria M. Clayton, '76, is the coordinator for the MCG satellite MSN program in Savannah.

O'Neil B. Mathews, Jr., '76, is the director of surgical facilities at Erlanger Medical Center in Chattanooga, Tenn. He is studying for his MDA at the University of Tennessee in Chattanooga. He is a member of the American Board of Operating Room Nurses Association and a member of the board of directors of the National Kidney Foundation chapter in Chattanooga.

June M. Williams, '76, is the nursing service administrator at Dodge County Hospital in Eastman.

Beth Ann Baldwin Page, '76, has accepted a position as the director of nursing at Albany Junior College. Before this assignment, she was director of nursing programs at Southeastern Community College in Whiteville, N.C.

Edra Sweat Adams, '77, and her husband, Rob, had a son, Robert Nathan, this summer. They live in Augusta.

Joan Caulkins, '77, married Mike Nelson last year. They are expecting a child in February. They live in Martinez.

Dorothy W. Dean, '77, works in urological surgery at the VA Medical Center in Augusta. She and her husband, Gene, live in Augusta.

Kathy Giesking, '77, lives in Alaska. Capt. Giesking has been an army nurse for three years.

Linda S. Jackson, '77, is an operating room nurse at the Fairview Hospital in Dublin.

Mary M. Loomis, '77, married Donald P. Banderson and they live in Mt. Pleasant, S.C.

Carole M. Massey, '77, is an instructor for the BSN program at Armstrong State College in Savannah.

Olivia B. Tate, '77, is the director of nursing at Blowing Rock Hospital in Blowing Rock, N.C.

Van Inglett, '78, has been appointed director of nursing at University Hospital in Augusta.

Melinda S. Mayes, '78, works at St. Vincent Hospital in Portland, Ore.

Lylah Perry McAfee, '78, and her husband, Charles, have a daughter, Rebecca. They live in Dublin.

Andrea Schumann, '78, is the director of nursing at Memorial Medical Center in Savannah.

Claudia Hill Teasley, '78, is the nursing procedures coordinator for University Hospital in Augusta. She was recently chosen University Hospital's "Employee of the Year." She and her husband, John, live in Martinez.

Kathleen Ann Girdler, '79, has taken a leave of absence from St. Joseph Hospital in Augusta to study art in Italy.

Denise Hawkins Harper, '79, and her husband, Robert N. Harper, Jr., M.D., have a young son, Jonathon Blake.

Sheryl J. Nehbras, '79, works at the North Carolina Memorial Hospital in Chapel Hill, N.C.

Elizabeth D. Burch, '80, is a medical and surgical nursing instructor at South Georgia College in Douglas.

Caryl P. Griffin, '80, is the coordinator of Community Leadership Institute in Kingsport, Tenn. This institute offers training in leadership and management.

Lorna Bell, '81, works in the coronary care unit at University Hospital in Augusta.

Laura Jones James, '81, married recently and has moved to Austin, Texas.

DEATHS

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The 1980-81 Bench Mark

July 1, 1980 through June 30, 1981

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It is our goal to make 1981-82 our best Annual Fund year. Please send all inquiries to: Coordinator, The Special Giving Clubs, MCG EA-100, Augusta, Georgia 30912.

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